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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED 4 APRIL FOR FRANKLIN FROM ACADEMICIAN SOKOLOV. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT FOLLOWS. BEGIN QUOTE - THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 6, 1977. I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE LIST OF 17 SOVIET ARTICLES WE ARE PLANNING TO INCLUDE IN THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE FIRST JOINT SYMPOSIUM ON BIOSPHERE RESERVES. I INFORMED YOU IN MY PREVIOUS LETTERS THAT ALL THE TRANSLATIONS OF AMERICAN ARTICLES HAD BEEN RECEIVED. WE ARE WORKING ON THEM AT PRESENT. CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES AROSE AT THE PUBLISHING HOUSE AS THE XEROX COPIES OF PICTURES HAD NO EXPLANATIONS OF THE CONVENTIONAL SYMBOLS. IN ORDER TO SPARE YOU SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES, WE SHALL PREPARE NEW PICTURES TO USE IN SOVIET ARTICLES. IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHEN THE ARTICLES ARE READY, WE SHALL SEND YOU ALL THE 17 ARTICLES THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW.

2. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. BOHLEN OF JANUARY 31, 1977 WITH THE SUGGESTION ON THE TIMING OF THE SECOND JOINT  
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SYMPOSIUM ON BIOSPHERE RESERVES. AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE USSR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE AND THE USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WE SECOND YOUR SUGGESTION ON POSTPONING THIS SYMPOSIUM TO THE FIRST PART OF 1978. DURING THIS TIME WE COULD PREPARE ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ON THE NATURE, ECOLOGICAL SITUATION AND HISTORY OF RESEARCH AT THE BIOSPHERE RESERVES SELECTED FOR COMPARISON IN BOTH

COUNTRIES. THESE MATERIALS CAN BE ASSUMED AS A BASIS OF OUR  
NEXT JOINT COLLECTED ARTICLES. IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO  
EXCHANGE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND SPECIFY A NUMBER OF  
ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS IN THE COURSE OF OUR FUTURE CORRESPON-  
DENCE. IN THE FIRST PLACE, IN COORDINATING THE PROGRAMS OF SCIENTIFI  
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RESEARCH AND MONITORING AT BIOSPHERE RESERVES, WE SHOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FIRST VERSION OF THIS PROGRAM, SUBMITTED IN  
MOSCOW IN MAY 1976 DURING THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE  
SYMPOSIUM. AT PRESENT THIS PROGRAM IS BEING SUPPLEMENTED  
WITH NEW POINTS AND WE PLAN TO CARRY IT OUT IN SEVERAL  
STAGES.

3. AS FOR THE SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON  
MONITORING, WHICH WAS AT FIRST PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH THE  
SYMPOSIUM, I THINK THAT PUTTING IT OFF FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS  
(FROM THE END OF 1977 TO THE BEGINNING OF 1978) MAY  
SUBSTANTIALLY DELAY WORKING OUT CORRESPONDING TECHNICAL  
PROGRAMS. AT THE SAME TIME, A JOINT DISCUSSION OF ALL THE  
ASPECTS OF RESEARCH AND MONITORING AT BIOSPHERE RESERVES BY  
BROAD SECTIONS OF SPECIALISTS OF BOTH SIDES AT THE SYMPOSIUM  
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE USEFUL. THAT IS WHY IT SEEMS TO ME THAT  
HOLDING THE SYMPOSIUM AND THE SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP  
AT THE SAME TIME (I.E., IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1978) MAKES  
SENSE. MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE USSR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL  
SERVICE SHARE THIS POINT OF VIEW.

4. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY ON ALL THESE QUESTIONS,  
AS WELL AS AN ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE JOINT  
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COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON BIOSPHERE RESERVES (5PLUS 5).  
END QUOTE. LETTER POUCH EUR/SOV/EXCHANGES.  
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